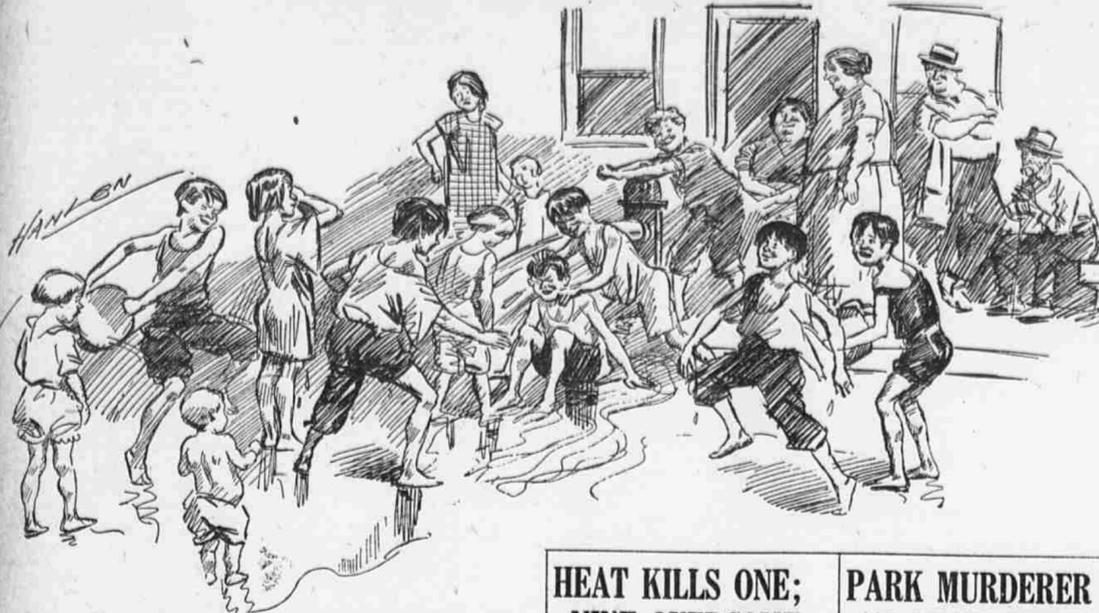




WHEN THE CITY SWELTERS UNDER A TEMPERATURE THAT PLAYS AROUND MIDDLE 90'S



Drawn from life by a staff artist of the EVENING LEDGER.

BATTLE RAGES ALONG 150-MILE BALKAN FRONT

Allies Press Teuton Center Along Barren Vardar Valley

TURKS SEND FORCES TO HELP BULGARIANS

Germans Penetrate French Trench Lines South of Somme, Paris Admits

ITALIANS WIN IN TYROL

Two Heights Within Hungarian Border Taken in Slav Advance

The military situation in the Balkans draws toward decisive developments. The Bulgarians are pressed hard by the Allies at the center of the 150-mile front, while they strive to check a possible allied move to invade Bulgaria from the Kavala zone and cut communications between the allied left wing and Italian forces in Albania.

The fighting is thus in progress in three separate zones of the Balkan front, with the Bulgars gaining at both ends of the line and the Allies pressing forward at the center. Turkish forces, which are reported to have been sent into Bulgaria, are likely to be used to help check the allied offensive along the Vardar River.

There still remains a doubtful factor in the Balkan situation: Rumania. If she sides with the Allies, Bulgaria and Turkey, pressed from every side, face complete isolation from their Teutonic allies and would probably soon be eliminated from the war. Apparently Rumania has not yet reached a decision, but undoubtedly the Allies and the Teutons both are playing in the Balkans a political game, with huge armed forces as pawns and the 600,000-strong Rumanian army as the prize.

German troops in a series of furious attacks south of the river on the Somme front have succeeded in penetrating French trenches at several points in the region of Estrees, the commune named by the French War Office today admits. The artillery duels are raging incessantly on both Somme and Meuse fronts.

The Russians have been halted both on the Stokhod River and Carpathian fronts, according to dispatches from both zones.

The Italian War Office reports successes in the Dolomite Alps, on the Tyrol front. Strong Austrian positions

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Thunder showers this afternoon and probably tonight; Fair & dry fair; cooler and less humid; gentle west and northwest winds.

LENGTH OF DAY. 5:19 a.m. Moon rises, 12:15 a.m. Delaware River tide changes. CHESTNUT STREET. High water, 4:15 a.m. Low water, 4:34 a.m. High water, 10:55 a.m. Low water, 11:14 a.m.

LOST AND FOUND. A small black and white dog, about 1 year old, with a white collar, was lost on August 22. Finder, Mrs. J. H. Washburn, 2001 N. 22nd St., Philadelphia. Reward \$5.00. Call 22-1111.

Hughes the Best Help for Us, Says Democratic Field Chief

By VANCE C. McCORMICK, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—The Hughes tour has been a complete failure. He has been flattened out. He started out strong, but has grown steadily weaker. He is trying to play a 50-50 proposition—trying to please Crane, Penrose and Smoot, of his steering committee, on the one hand and the progressive members of his campaign committee on the other. He cannot enthrone one element without offending the other; he has not developed a single issue so far. He's been the biggest help we Democrats could have had.

VILLAIN, TITLE GIVEN M'NICHOL BY 'UNCLE' DAVE

City Chairman Waxes Warm in Defending 'Friend Joe Call'

'NO WORSE THAN OTHERS'

Uncle Dave Lane's Opinion of McNichol and "Joe" Call

"THE villainous McNichol brought out my name as a candidate for delegate last spring. That was the last time I talked to the villain." "Joe Call gets into trouble because he is so impulsive, but he does no worse than other magistrates." "I have never had anything to do with Joe's political club." "Joe has never swerved in his allegiance to me, and I don't believe he wants to be ward leader. He couldn't be a ward leader, anyhow, because he can't control himself."

By a Staff Correspondent. ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 22.—"The villainous McNichol" is the latest phrase by which State Senator James P. McNichol is characterized by his political associates. The author of the new title is none other than David H. Lane, Republican city chairman of Philadelphia, and Nestor of the Republican party there.

Lane's descriptive title for the Senator became known when he, in the course of an interview regarding Magistrate Call, suddenly burst forth in a tirade against McNichol for defeating him for delegate to the Republican National Convention in the primary election.

"You know," explained Lane, "I never presented my own name as a candidate. What did I want to go to a convention for? The villainous McNichol brought out my name as a candidate, and then a few days later, when I was in Atlantic City, he went to Harrisburg and fled Judge Brown's name."

"I told McNichol that it would be no feather in his cap if he beat me, since he controlled six of the eight wards in the district, but that if I should win it would discredit him a lot. And I almost won at that. That was the last time I have talked to the villain."

STILL FRIEND JOE.

Satisfied with his denunciation of McNichol, Lane continued the discussion of Magistrate Call's fight to clear himself of the indictment returned against him by the August Grand Jury on a charge of "unlawfully, wilfully and maliciously" accepting a bribe.

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Early Peach Crop Ruined, Expert Says. CHALFONTE, Pa., Aug. 23.—From Dr. John H. Washburn, dean of the National Farm School in Bucks County, one of the most expert authorities on peach culture in Pennsylvania, comes the information that the early peach crop in this section has been ruined as a result of wet weather this spring and early summer, but that the late peach crop will not be far below the average.

HEAT KILLS ONE; NINE OVERCOME; MERCURY AT 94

Seven Girls Prostrated in Manufacturing Plant; Breezes May Bring Relief

LITTLE HUMIDITY HERE

Temperature Comparisons of Two Sizzling Days

Table with 3 columns: Time, Today, Yesterday. Rows include Midnight, 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m., 4 a.m., 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., and Humidity at 8 a.m., 70.

The sensible temperature is the name given by the Weather Bureau to what it knows also as the water-bulb temperature, and it indicates the heat one actually feels. It represents the heat actually in the human body, whereas the ordinary thermometer temperature makes no allowance for cooling from evaporation. It might be called on these hot days the point of human suffering. Its difference in degrees makes it a psychological benefit. The sensible temperature is noted three times a day: at 8 a. m., 2 p. m. and 8 p. m.

One death and nine prostrations was the toll of today's intense heat up to 3 o'clock this afternoon. There are indications, however, that the hot wave will be broken before tonight. Forecaster Bliss predicts thunder showers this afternoon or tonight.

The dead: MRS. ADELINA STEELMAN, 72 years old, 722 West Norris street, overcome in a Market street store.

PROSTRATIONS. BESSIE COHEN, Jefferson Hospital. GERTRUDE JOHNSON, Jefferson Hospital. JENNIE TRIBEL, Jefferson Hospital. CATHERINE MACVOY, Jefferson Hospital. CATHERINE CANNONE, Jefferson Hospital. CATHERINE MCFELIN, Jefferson Hospital. FLORENCE BAKER, Jefferson Hospital.

These seven girls were overcome at the envelope manufacturing plant of Alvan Bushnell, 925 Filbert street.

Mrs. Steelman was shopping in a store at Ninth and Market streets with her daughter, Mabel Steelman, when she was overcome and fell unconscious to the floor. Deputy Coroner James Waldin, who was in the store, summoned a physician, but the woman died in a few minutes.

The girls in the Bushnell envelope manufacturing plant collapsed about the same time. Four of them were carried to the Jefferson Hospital by employees and the others were revived at the plant.

An employee said that shelves which were built in many of the windows kept out the air and made the temperature inside as high as 100 degrees. A representative of the firm said he could not account for the prostration of the girls and declared that the firm did everything in its power for the comfort of the employees.

Many manufacturing plants closed at noon because of the heat. The girls employed in the William F. Tushnet mill, Cedar and Huntingdon streets, were allowed to quit work at 3:30 this morning.

Although the mercury raced close to the record of Tuesday it was three degrees cooler at 3 o'clock than the same hour yesterday afternoon. The temperature at that hour this afternoon was 94.

Heat Kills Five in Brooklyn. NEW YORK, August 23.—Five persons were killed by the heat in Brooklyn today. There were many prostrations throughout the greater city. On the shady side of the street level thermometers degrees read 100 degrees. Thermometers exposed to the sun ran up to 115. The official mark of the weather bureau taken on the top of the Whitehall building was 99 degrees.

PARK MURDERER AT GIRL'S MERCY; POLICE HELPLESS

"Spooner" Who Shot Youth for Taunting Him Can't Be Found

MAY BLOT REPUTATION

Autoist Told to Light Up; Three Shots His Answer

ONLY hope police have to learn identity of murderer is that woman whom he was hugging and kissing will become conscience-stricken and report the man. Edward Boland, 24 years old, 186 Calumet street, Falls of Schuylkill, shot and instantly killed by motorist whom he surprises hugging and kissing girl at roadside in Fairmount Park.

Boland, with crowd of boys, went to park to "sear" Martin Fingard, employe of Philadelphia Country Club, by impersonating ghost.

Automobile, with lights out, by roadside; Boland tells motorist, "You'd better light up."

Motorist replies with three pistol shots, two of which strike Boland in side of head.

Motorist speeds away with girl in unlighted car.

Police have no clue. Number of car not obtained nor can anybody describe it.

One hope remains with the police of learning who the motorist was who shot and killed Edward Boland, 23 years old, of 186 Calumet street, Falls of Schuylkill, when the youth, with six companions, came upon the man hugging and kissing a woman in his automobile in a dark spot on Harlipin turn, an unfrequented piece of road in Fairmount Park, last night.

The one hope is that the woman who screamed when the motorist shot the boy will become conscience-stricken and disclose her companion's identity. They believe that she, after a night of fright and after reading in the papers that the man she was with killed the boy, will report at the detective bureau with her confession, even though it may be at the expense of her reputation.

PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN. The police know human nature. They know women. They say that this woman, at the risk of carrying her reputation under a shadow, will tell who the murderer is. Women have done this before, they say.

There is a slight hope that the man may confess; that he may fear the woman's confession and coincident ruining of her reputation.

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KEEPS SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES AT BAY WITH A PITCHFORK

Outwits Officers by Removing Horses as They Lock Stable Door

LANCASTER, Pa., Aug. 23.—When Sheriff's deputies attempted to levy on Itako Miller's two horses last evening he attacked them with a pitchfork and had to be driven away with a revolver.

While the officers were sealing the stable door Miller slipped the horses out into his yard and through the house to another street, getting away safely. Today they were found and Miller will be arrested for larceny.

TROLLEY HITS WAGON; 2 HURT

Car in Accident at Seventeenth and Cambridge Streets; Broken Glass Flies

QUICK NEWS

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SARATOGA RACING RESULTS First race, fillies, 3-year-olds, \$500 added. 5 1-2 furlongs—Kathleen, 121, Connelly, 9 to 5, 7 to 10, 1 to 3, won; Ina Frank, 109, Phillips, 6 to 1, 2 to 1, 4 to 5, second; Miss Puzzle, 114, Keogh, 6 to 1, 2 to 1, 4 to 5, third. Time, 1:06 3-5.

\$5,000,000 AUTO COMPANY INCORPORATED

DOVER, Del., Aug. 23.—The Parker Collapsible Rim Corporation, to manufacture and sell rims and parts for automobiles, was incorporated here today with a capital stock of \$5,000,000. Incorporators were Lawrence Angel, Cedarhurst, L. I.; George J. Soden, New York city; Sidney S. Lesser and Louise Frankel, Brooklyn, N. Y.

SENATE PASSES AMENDED ARMY BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The Senate this afternoon passed the army appropriation bill with an amendment replacing the articles of war in it, but minus the provision which caused the President to veto it last week.

NEW YORK TRAIN WRECKED AT ERIE

ERIE, Pa., Aug. 23.—While traveling 59 miles an hour, New York Central Limited No. 20, eastbound from St. Louis, jammed into the rear end of a wrecking train at the western city limits this morning. The collision hurled passengers the full length of the coaches in which they were riding, slightly injuring several. The engine of the wrecker was badly damaged.

STATE GUARD TO BE RECALLED FROM BIG BEND

CAMP STEWART, El Paso, Tex., Aug. 23.—Reports at division headquarters today regarded as reliable, but impossible of official confirmation, have it that the two battalions of Pennsylvania troops now at Big Bend will be ordered back within 10 days. One battalion is from the Second Regiment, of Philadelphia, and the other from the Tenth Regiment, of the Pittsburgh district.

FRENCH FLYER BRINGS DOWN FIFTH GERMAN WARPLANE

PARIS, Aug. 23.—The French aviator Dorme downed his fifth German aeroplane yesterday, the War Office announces. Northeast of Peronne, French flyers with machine guns attacked four German planes, which landed behind their own lines, seriously damaged.

ARCHBISHOP SPALDING'S CONDITION SERIOUS

PEORIA, Ill., Aug. 23.—Physicians attending Archbishop John Lancaster Spalding admitted today that his condition was serious. Relatives of the aged prelate have been summoned to his bedside. The Archbishop, who is 76, has been in poor health for several years, but was confined to his bed only 10 days ago during the excessively hot weather.

33,665 ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS COME IN YEAR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Of the 298,826 immigrants admitted into the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30, there came from the countries engaged in the European war the following: Italy, 33,665; United Kingdom, 24,702; Russia, 7842; Austria-Hungary, 5191; France, 4156, and the German Empire, 2677.

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R. R. MAGNATES REST WITH NO TERMS FIXED

Wilson and Congress Chiefs Discuss Legislation

STRAIGHT 8-HOUR LAW IS NOW THREATENED

Railroads Seek Guarantees Before Agreeing to Compromise

COMMISSION FOR PROBE

What Congress Leaders Think of Mediation Laws

Representative Adamson: I don't know when this dispute will be settled, but I do know that if it isn't settled soon Congress will take a hand and pass an eight-hour law.

Majority Leader Kitchin: In my judgment, it would be difficult to put a compulsory arbitration law through this Congress.

Minority Leader Mann: I do not think it is possible by legislation to compel men to labor for certain employers for whom they do not want to labor nor to compel employers to employ certain men whom they do not want. I don't think that it is possible in this country at present.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The railroad presidents, after a morning's session in an effort to reach some decision on the threatened strike, adjourned until 6 o'clock without taking definite action. The financial interests are endeavoring to reach some plan of accepting the President's proposal.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Legislative means of meeting counter-suggestions made by the railroads of the country in the negotiations to prevent the threatened strike were discussed by President Wilson today with Senator Newlands and Representative Adamson, of Georgia, chairman of the Congressional Interstate Commerce Committee.

After canvassing the strike situation for more than an hour with the President, the congressional leaders declared that no immediate legislation dealing with the wage dispute was expected.

It was understood, however, that the leaders talked over the possibility of referring the whole problem of legislation to prevent similar crises in the future to the recently created Joint Subcommittee on Railroad Legislation, which has ample authority to investigate all phases of the transportation problem. Senator Newlands is chairman and Representative Adamson vice chairman of this committee.

The conference was the beginning of the consideration of legislative problems connected with the strike. The congressional leaders said they would meet the President again after he had conferred with the railroad executives in the strike settlement negotiations.

LAWS FOR FUTURE. President Wilson laid before the congressional leaders suggestions made by the railroad executives for the modification of the President's strike settlement plan. The railroad heads have asked the President for assurances that Federal means will be provided to prevent a recurrence of the present strike crisis. They suggested that a Federal commission be created along the lines of the Canadian industrial disputes act commission, which would have authority to deal with wage disputes through investigation and publicity. The plan would not be in the nature of compulsory arbitration, and the proposed commission would have no power to enforce its awards.

It would simply investigate and determine the facts, leaving the settlement of the dispute to public opinion and to the sense of justice of the parties to the controversy. Under the Canadian act, the commission is allowed a year for investigation, and meantime the strike is postponed.

The congressional leaders, after the conference, said that they were not prepared to commit themselves on this proposition. They said the President had gone over the entire strike situation but had made no specific recommendations.

"We canvassed this strike crisis," said Representative Adamson. "Matters have reached a serious pass and if legislation is

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A Hint!

If you should walk up to your newsstand or newsboy today and say, "Give me an Evening Ledger," and he replies, "Nothing doing all day," don't be surprised. That is what may happen if you don't order your paper reserved for you daily. After September 1 newsmen, carriers and newsboys will be unable to return unsold copies.

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